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Three Roxbury Officers Honored for Saving An Inmate's Life

TOWSON, MD (April 25, 2008)---Three correctional officers from Roxbury Correctional Institution (RCI) south of Hagerstown will be honored for their life-saving roles in the wake of a stabbing incident on April 12.

Sergeant Earl Clark, Officer Kevin Bittner, and Officer Richard Smith worked as a team, administering first aid to stop the bleeding of an inmate who had suffered a potentially fatal stab wound to his neck during an altercation which also left a second inmate wounded.

"This inmate survived thanks to these officers rendering aid at the scene, during transport, and while awaiting the ambulance crew," says RCI Warden Nancy Rouse. "Their professional and meritorious actions saved a life."

The warden has named the three officers Employees of the Month for May, and will pursue both a Commissioner's Citation and other formal meritorious service honors.

The incident that led to the officers' lifesaving actions occurred on April 12 at 4:35 p.m., when two inmates suffered multiple stab wounds during an altercation with a group of inmates. Warden Rouse noted that in addition to the three officers whose actions saved the seriously wounded inmate, they and other officers also did a fine job assisting the second inmate and maintaining order at the scene.

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